

SSB 5743 - S AMD 51  
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1 On page 5, after line 30, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 7. RCW 29A.08.125 and 2003 c 111 s 209 are each amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (1) Each county auditor shall maintain a computer file containing  
5 the records of all registered voters within the county. The auditor  
6 may provide for the establishment and maintenance of such files by  
7 private contract or through interlocal agreement as provided by chapter  
8 39.34 RCW. The computer file must include, but not be limited to, each  
9 voter's last name, first name, middle initial, date of birth, residence  
10 address, gender, date of registration, applicable taxing district and  
11 precinct codes, and the last date on which the individual voted.

12 (2) County election officials shall randomly investigate the record  
13 of all registered voters within the county contained on the official  
14 statewide voter registration list for that county, to make corrections  
15 in the record regarding persons who are deceased or whose residence  
16 differs from that on the official statewide voter registration list.

17 (3) The county auditor shall subsequently record each consecutive  
18 date upon which the individual has voted and retain at least the last  
19 five such consecutive dates. If the voter has not voted at least five  
20 times since establishing his or her current registration record, only  
21 the available dates will be included.

22 Sec. 8. RCW 29A.08.125 and 2004 c 267 s 110 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (1) Each county auditor shall maintain a computer file containing  
25 a copy of each record of all registered voters within the county  
26 contained on the official statewide voter registration list for that  
27 county.

28 (2) County election officials shall randomly investigate the record  
29 of all registered voters within the county contained on the official

1 statewide voter registration list for that county, to make corrections  
2 in the record regarding persons who are deceased or whose residence  
3 differs from that on the official statewide voter registration list.

4 (3) The computer file must include, but not be limited to, each  
5 voter's last name, first name, middle initial, date of birth, residence  
6 address, gender, date of registration, applicable taxing district and  
7 precinct codes, and the last date on which the individual voted.

8 (4) The county auditor shall subsequently record each consecutive  
9 date upon which the individual has voted and retain all such  
10 consecutive dates."

11 Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal  
12 references accordingly.

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13 On page 7, after line 37, insert the following:

14 "Sec. 10. RCW 29A.08.605 and 2003 c 111 s 236 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 In addition to the case-by-case maintenance required under RCW  
17 29A.08.620 and 29A.08.630 (~~and~~), the canceling of registrations under  
18 RCW 29A.08.510, and the random investigation required under RCW  
19 29A.08.125, the county auditor shall establish a general program of  
20 voter registration list maintenance. This program must be a thorough  
21 review that is applied uniformly throughout the county and must be  
22 nondiscriminatory in its application. Any program established must be  
23 completed at least once every two years and not later than ninety days  
24 before the date of a primary or general election for federal office.  
25 The county may fulfill its obligations under this section in one of the  
26 following ways:

27 (1) The county auditor may enter into one or more contracts with  
28 the United States postal service, or its licensee, which permit the

1 auditor to use postal service change-of-address information. If the  
2 auditor receives change of address information from the United States  
3 postal service that indicates that a voter has changed his or her  
4 residence address within the county, the auditor shall transfer the  
5 registration of that voter and send a confirmation notice informing the  
6 voter of the transfer to the new address. If the auditor receives  
7 postal change of address information indicating that the voter has  
8 moved out of the county, the auditor shall send a confirmation notice  
9 to the voter and advise the voter of the need to reregister in the new  
10 county. The auditor shall place the voter's registration on inactive  
11 status;

12 (2) A direct, nonforwardable, nonprofit or first-class mailing to  
13 every registered voter within the county bearing the postal endorsement  
14 "Return Service Requested." If address correction information for a  
15 voter is received by the county auditor after this mailing, the auditor  
16 shall place that voter on inactive status and shall send to the voter  
17 a confirmation notice;

18 (3) Any other method approved by the secretary of state.

19 **Sec. 11.** RCW 29A.08.605 and 2004 c 267 s 128 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 In addition to the case-by-case maintenance required under RCW  
22 29A.08.620 and 29A.08.630 (~~and~~), the canceling of registrations under  
23 RCW 29A.08.510, and the random investigation required under RCW  
24 29A.08.125, the secretary of state and the county auditor shall  
25 cooperatively establish a general program of voter registration list  
26 maintenance. This program must be a thorough review that is applied  
27 uniformly throughout the county and must be nondiscriminatory in its  
28 application. Any program established must be completed at least once  
29 every two years and not later than ninety days before the date of a  
30 primary or general election for federal office. This obligation may be  
31 fulfilled in one of the following ways:

32 (1) The secretary of state may enter into one or more contracts  
33 with the United States postal service, or its licensee, which permit  
34 the use of postal service change-of-address information. If the change  
35 of address information is received from the United States postal  
36 service that indicates that a voter has changed his or her residence

1 address within the state, the auditor shall transfer the registration  
2 of that voter and send a confirmation notice informing the voter of the  
3 transfer to the new address;

4 (2) A direct, nonforwardable, nonprofit or first-class mailing to  
5 every registered voter bearing the postal endorsement "Return Service  
6 Requested." If address correction information for a voter is received  
7 by the county auditor after this mailing, the auditor shall place that  
8 voter on inactive status and shall send to the voter a confirmation  
9 notice;

10 (3) Any other method approved by the secretary of state."

11 Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal  
12 references accordingly.

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13 On page 9, line 8, after "(f)" strike everything through "(h)" on  
14 line 12, and insert "Provide current and accurate voter registration  
15 information using information obtained under RCW 29A.08.125;

16 (g) Provide for a comparison between the voter registration data  
17 base and the department of licensing change of address data base;

18 ~~((g))~~ (h) Provide online access for county auditors with the goal  
19 of real time duplicate checking and update capabilities; and

20 ~~((h))~~ (i)"

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21 On page 9, line 27, strike all of section 13 and insert the

1 following:

2 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. Sections 7 and 10 of this act expire  
3 January 1, 2006.

4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. Sections 7 and 10 of this act take effect  
5 ninety days after the adjournment of the legislative session in which  
6 they are enacted. The remainder of the act takes effect January 1,  
7 2006."

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8 In line 2 of the title, after "29A.08.115," insert "29A.08.125,  
9 29A.08.125,"

10 In line 3 of the title, after "29A.08.520," insert "29A.08.605,  
11 29A.08.605,"

12 In line 4 of the title, after "29A.08.155;" strike "and" and in  
13 line 5 of the title, after "date" insert "; and providing an expiration  
14 date"

EFFECT: Requires that county elections officials randomly investigate the registered voter list and make corrections.

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